*Letter No. N. T. 131, dated 17—30th May 1929, from the Vice-President, Ayurvedic and Unani College Committee, Mysore.*

With reference to the development of the Pharmacy Section of the College, referred in Resolution No. 111, dated 7th November 1928 of the College Committee (copy enclosed), I have the honour to state that the question was again considered by the Committee in their meeting held on 4th May 1929, and the proposal to manufacture medicines on a large scale to admit of their sale was adopted, as per enclosed copy of Resolution. The details of the scheme are indicated in the notes, hereto appended. I request that the same may kindly be sanctioned at an early date, to enable the scheme being worked out.

*Proceedings of the meeting of the Committee of the Ayurvedic College held at the College, on 17th November 1928.*

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111. Development of the Pharmacy Section.

*Resolution.*—Resolved that early steps be taken to organize and develop a Pharmacy Section in the College as this is essential for the following reasons:—

(1) to demonstrate the preparation of all Ayurvedic medicines to the students;

(2) to have a Central Depot for the sale of Standard guaranteed preparations to mofussil Pandits and Dispensaries, as the popularity of the ayurvedic system in the mofussil depends mostly on the facility to obtain the standard preparations at reasonable cost and within reasonable time;

(3) to serve as a depot where the public in the City who obtain prescriptions from local pandits can secure the medicines easily.

The Committee desires to emphasise the need for developing the Pharmacy Section as the ayurvedic pandits have now no central stores to indent upon or even big firms in Mysore where all the standard medicines in the ayurvedic system are available.

Resolved further that a qualified ayurvedic pandit from Malabar may be entertained in the vacant place of Pandit on Rs. 60—4—80 to work in the Pharmacy Section. He will incidentally be able to demonstrate the methods of treatment current in Malabar.

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**Reviews the Administration Report of the Excise Department.**

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Letter No. B3-Per.-44—28-29, dated the 18th October 1929, from the Excise Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the report on the Administration of the Excise Department for the year 1928-29.

ORDER No. Fl. 4285-96—Ex. 49-29-3, DATED 18TH—20TH DECEMBER 1929.

Recorded.

2. Government are glad to note the observation of the Excise Commissioner that the year under report was prosperous from a financial point of view and that the increase in income was not accompanied by any appreciable increase in the consumption of excisable articles.

3. In pursuance of the policy of realising the maximum of revenue with the minimum of consumption sanction was accorded to the enhancement of the duty on Ganja from Rs. 22-8-0 to Rs. 25-0-0 per seer of 80 tolas and to the fixing of the retail sale price of the drug at a minimum of Re. 0-10-8 per tola. The tree-tapping rules were revised so as to restrict the tapping of date trees to once in 3 years instead of in alternate years. The limit of retail sale and possession of arrack was reduced from six to four drams and that of jaggery arrack sold in bottles to 4½ drams. The presence of persons under 18 years in excise shops was prohibited Thirty-four shops were closed, ofwhich, nine were vending arrack, twenty-one were toddy shops, two ganja and two opium shops.

4. The period of the last contract for the manufacture of arrack and other country spirits having expired, Government purchased from the out-going contractor the entire stock and block of the Central Distillery and placed them at the disposal of the new contractor subject to payment of hire to cover interest on capital and depreciation charges. For ensuring the proper upkeep of the plant and machinery a staff consisting of a mechanic and a fitter has also been appointed, the Industrial Engineer of the Industries and Commerce Department being placed in technical charge of them. The defects in the stills and in the structure for the new boiler should be got rectified early. Prompt action should be taken to repair the old Lancashire boiler and make it fit for use in the Distillery. The report mentions again the difficulty felt in the Distillery from insufficient supply of filtered water. The attention of the Chief Engineer is invited to para 9 of last year's review, with a view to speedy action being taken to improve the position.

5. *Country Spirits.*—The total quantity of spirits manufactured during the year was 3,53,517 gallons as against 3,61,314 gallons in the preceding year and that issued for consumption 2,90,268 gallons within the State and 70,492 gallons to the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

6. It is satisfactory to note that the transport of arrack under departmental agency continued to be satisfactory. The quantity of molasses arrack transported to the several depots was almost the same as in the preceding year and the percentage of wastage is reported to have gone down to 0·8 from 0·9 per cent.

The consumption of proof liquor was only five gallons as against 69 gallons in the preceding year.

The Chief Engineer is requested to take early action regarding the construction of the warehouse at Shimoga.

7. There was a small increase (5,709 gallons or 2 per cent) in the consumption of molasses arrack during the year and this is attributed partly to the recovery of the drop in the Bangalore City in the year 1926-27 due to the indifferent working at the time of all the shops by a single contractor and partly to the increased detection of illicit distillation cases.

8. *Toddy.*—There was a decrease of 14 toddy shops and the number of trees licensed for tapping fell from 3,50,771 to 3,38,644. The bagani toddy shop of Kadamane Estate was closed at the request of the Proprietor of the Estate who agreed to pay an annuity of Rs. 360 as compensation for loss of revenue.

9. Government have perused with interest the report of the Excise Commissioner about the formation of blocks, date plantation and preservation in a few selected areas in the Kolar and Tumkur Districts. If the results of the experiment are promising, its extension to other districts may be usefully investigated.

10. *Malt and Foreign Liquors.*—The report records some increase in the consumption of Foreign Liquors including Malt (country beer) and the total number of shops licensed rose to 67 from 62 in the preceding year. The total revenue inclusive of license and surcharge fees was Rs. 17,321 as against Rs. 14,509 in the preceding year. While, as usual, the bulk of the consumption (15,845 gallons) was in the Kolar Gold Fields area, there was noticeable advance in the districts of Bangalore and Kadur. This requires investigation.

11. *Ganja.*—During the year the area under cultivation of ganja was reduced from 40 acres to 30 acres and the average out-turn per acre was only five maunds as against 7·2 in the preceding year. The explanation given for this low average is not convincing.

Government await with interest the result of the investigation of the manurial requirements of ganja proposed to be conducted in collaboration with the Agricultural Department.

12. *Opium.*—The total quantity of opium consumed during the year was 1,449 seers as against 1,393 seers of last year, and the rentals realised amounted to Rs. 32,291 as against Rs. 25,468 in the preceding year. The increase was mostly in the Bangalore City and is attributed to the better management of shops.

13. Government note the good work done by the special staff in the matter of detection of cases of illicit distillation in the Shimoga District, but they agree with the Deputy Commissioner that there is still much to be done in the direction of putting

down malpractices, which not only deprive the State of its legitimate share of revenue, but contribute to the undermining of the health of the people who resort to unwholesome liquor.

14. *Financial Results.*—The total demand for the year including arrears was Rs. 76,11,164 of which a sum of Rs.73,89,256 was collected and Rs. 43,011 remitted. The balance left at the close of the year (Rs. 1,78,897) is still large. The percentage of collection of old arrears is not satisfactory and strict instructions should be issued by the Excise Commissioner for the realization of all recoverable arrears.

15. *Inamdars' Claims to Excise Revenue.*—Government regret to observe that the claim to Excise Revenue of Jodi Kodiyal Keranahalli is still pending disposal in the Bangalore District. The Deputy Commissioner should be instructed to expedite the investigation of the claim.

16 *Excise Licensing Boards.*—The report does not record much progress in the working of the Excise Licensing Boards. Ten Boards constituted in the following places do not appear to have met even once during the year under review. It is hoped that the members of the Licensing Boards, most of which are now reconstituted will evince greater interest in dealing with excise matters coming within their purview.

1. Anekal.
2. Dodballapur.
3. Magadi.
4. Channapatna.
5. Kankanhalli.
6. Closepet.
7. Shimoga.
8. Chitaldrug.
9. Chiknayakanhalli.
10. Tiptur.

17. Government would be glad if the suggestions made at the Shimoga District Conference and the Adikarnataka Conferences held at Subbarayana Ghati, Dodballapur Taluk, and at Goribidnur for the removal of toddy shops away from the Adikarnataka hattis be given effect to as far as practicable by the Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

18. Government have expressed their full sympathy with movements or associations working in the cause of temperance and have sanctioned rules in their order of 28th February 1929 for the grant of financial support to such organizations as fulfil certain conditions.

A grant-in-aid of Rs. 2,000 per year for a period of three years has been sanctioned to the Bangalore Temperance Federation for carrying on temperance propaganda and the results of the work of this Federation are being watched with interest.

19. *Inspection.*—Government are not satisfied that there has been adequate inspection of Excise shops and groves. They desire that the Deputy Commissioners should arrange for inspecting as many of them as possible during their tours, with a view to keep the subordinate staff and the licensees alive to their responsibilities.

20. The administration of the Department continued to be efficient during the year under review and Government record their appreciation of the work of the Excise Commissioner Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari.

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